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1. WASHINGTON POST JANUARY 10 CARRIED ITEM REPORTING
ISSUANCE SUPERSEDING INDICTMENT IN SOGHOIAN CASE UNDER
HEADLINE QUOTE ZAMBIAN EMBASSY EMPLOYEE CHARGED WITH CON-
SPIRACY. END QUOTE

2. TEXT OF ARTICLE IS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE MARSHALL SOGHOIAN,
A 46-YEAR-OLD U.S. ELECTRONICS ENGINEER WHO WAS A ZAMBIAN
EMBASSY EMPLOYEE, WAS INDICTED YESTERDAY ON CHARGES OF CON-
SPIRACY AND POSSESSION OF ORAL COMMUNICATION INTERCEPTION
DEVICES.

HE WAS INDICTED EARLIER HERE ONLY ON THE POSSESSION CHARGE.
IN THE INDICTMENT RETURNED YESTERDAY, THE FEDERAL GRAND
JURY CHARGED HIM WITH AGREEING TO OBTAIN, MANUFACTURE,
ASSEMBLE AND POSSESS SUCH DEVICES.THE JURY ALSO
NAMED OTHER PERSONS, WHO WERENOT INDICTED, IN THE SAME
OFFENSES.

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AT THE TIME OF HIS ARREST SOGHOIAN WAS CHARGED WITH ACTING

AS AN ILLEGAL FOREIGN AGENT FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF ZAMBIA,
AND THE U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE SAID IT WAS INVESTIGATING
POSSIBLE VIOLATION OF ESPIONAGE STATUTES.
ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEY WILLIAM HARDY OF THE MAJOR CRIMES
UNIT WOULD NOT COMMENT ON YESTERDAY'S INDICTMENT. END
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